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UNIVERSALIST LADIES

MADE PROFITS OF \$390.16

Sale and Supper Held in November Produced Very Satisfactory Returns.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church held a meeting Friday evening in the parlors at the church at which reports were made on the sale and supper held on November 16 and 17. It was very gratifying to the workers to learn that the net proceeds from the two days were \$390.16, an amount that compares favorably with other years.

The ladies also discussed some plans for a play that they intend to give.

Ostriches can travel at a rate of more than 100 miles an hour.

COVERS ON THREE

TRACTS OF LAND.

Judgment Lien Foreclosure Suit Against W. C. Randall of Stonington.

In a suit brought in the superior court by John T. Edmond of Stonington for foreclosure of a judgment lien, the foreclosure covers on three tracts of land in Stonington, which are a 100 acre tract with a dwelling house on it, a tract of 34 7-10 acres and another tract of 1 2-3 acres. The lien is for a superior court judgment of \$116.45 with costs of \$74.86.

Cold as it is, there is considerable hiring and buying of farms in the suburbs.

Hello Boys!

HERE'S A DANDY PRESENT

This toy is all steel, handsomely finished, has two to three times as many parts as any other similar toy, and builds twice as many models. We have built up models for exhibition. Drop in and see these remarkable models and buy a set. We have them at all prices. Descriptive folder free.

BUILDS such things as battleships, torpedo boats, row boats, derricks, cranes, the differentials and three speeds of an automobile, machine shops, aeroplanes, towers, bridges, trolley cars, besides hundreds of other models which are shown in the book that goes with each set.

ERECTOR

"The Toy Like Structural Steel"

If ever we had anything in stock that meant hours of fun for the boys it is the new toy, Erector, which had such wonderful sale in all the big cities of the country. We are satisfied that this is one of the most attractive playthings that a boy could have. It not only gives him ideas of engineering, but it teaches him the principles of engineering and construction.

PRESTON BROTHERS, Inc.,
Franklin Square

SPLENDID CONCERT OPENING COURSE

Audience at Slater Memorial Hall Lingered Longingly to Hear More of Madame Povla Frisch—Monsieur Jean Verd, Pianist, Shared the Honors With Soprano.

Splendid was the word applied on all sides to the first concert in the Academy music course given at the Slater Memorial on Friday evening. Madame Povla Frisch is indeed a dramatic soprano whom one would go far to hear, and Monsieur Jean Verd, a pianist whom one would not knowingly miss the opportunity of hearing.

Norwich is certainly favored to have a visit from these two artists so soon after their appearance in this country and appreciation of the efforts of Messrs. Archibald Mitchell and Henry A. Tirrell in securing them.

The large audience fully yielded to the personal charm and individuality shown in their subtle interpretations of their art and which expressed even more than their fine technique. From the first notes of the impressive Gloriosa in Nature by Beethoven to the splendid rendering of Schubert's dramatic Erlkönig at the end of the programme, there was rapt attention shown and as at Aeolian hall, the audience was loath to have them finish and lingered longingly at the close.

Of course, Madame Povla Frisch herself said, nothing could be given after the Erlking without spoiling the whole artistic effect. The programme

showed a wide range on the singer's part. After Beethoven came Airs by Poppe, by Handel, and Danza, Danza! by Durante. In the next group were two Russian composers, Gretschaninov and Borodine, and five French songs by Saint-Saens, Gounod, Duparc, Chausson and Alexander Dumas.

In Les Papillons, by Chausson, M. Verd came in for a share of the applause for the piano accompaniment. The brilliant work of this French artist was more fully shown in his three piano solos. Liszt's Legend of St. Francis de Paula, Winkler on the Waves was especially beautiful. It was followed by Debussy's charming Clair de Lune and the French Song of the 18th Century. His encore number was a cradle song by Grieg.

Two groups of songs by German composers were then given by Mme. Frisch. Instead of Strauss's Berceuse she sang Schumann's Erlkönig, which, giving three songs by Schumann and one by Brahms in the first group, the latter song was repeated in response to persistent encores. The last numbers were Schubert's Wohin? and Erlkönig.

RED CROSS SEALS

SALES SHOWING WELL.

Norwich Campaign Disposing of Thousands to Aid Anti-Tuberculosis.

Reports made at the end of this week to the local branch of the Red Cross Society show that the people of Norwich are responding encouragingly to the appeal to aid the campaign against tuberculosis by purchasing the Red Cross Christmas seals. The sales are already mounting up into the thousands and the indications are that Norwich is to do its part in the campaign for giving health and life back to some victims of the Great White Plague.

Red Cross Seals should, in accordance with Order No. 5,020 of the post office department, "be affixed to the reverse side of domestic mail matter" and not on the address side of any letters or packages that are going through the mail. They may be placed anywhere on matter going by express. As many seals may be used on the back of a letter or package as may be desired. Care should be exercised in sending merchandise through the mails not to place seals over the strings with which the package is tied, since this closes the package against inspection and subjects it to first class postage rates. Users of Red Cross Seals are cautioned against indiscriminate use on foreign mail.

Red Cross Seals in normal times may be used on the reverse side of small matter sent to Austria, Germany, Great Britain and most of the colonies, and the indications are that the Red Cross Seals on mail bearing Red Cross Seals on the address side, Red Cross Seals may be used on the face of checks, bills, on local documents and on any commercial paper. The Christmas Seals are not good for postage. They will not carry any mail matter, but any kind of mail matter will carry them.

The question of when to keep the stores open evening during the Christmas holidays was taken up by a meeting of the mercantile bureau of the Chamber of Commerce at the room of the chamber on Friday morning at 10 o'clock. It was decided to have the stores open evenings from Saturday, December 18 to Friday, December 24. This will give five evenings in succession when the stores will be open evenings for the Christmas shoppers. The proprietors are hoping that as far as possible the public will not leave all their Christmas buying till these last few days but will do all they can to follow the admonition of "shop early."

MERCHANTS DECIDE ON

OPENING STORES NIGHTS.

In Christmas Season Beginning On Saturday, December 18.

The regular monthly meeting of the Parish house association was held in the Oxford Memorial on Friday afternoon. Mrs. A. N. H. Vaughn presided. After the report of the secretary, Mrs. M. B. Bunnell, and other business, Mrs. Matilda Butts read a letter thanking the ladies of the church for the two boxes recently sent to home missionaries in the hands of Miss Olive Hunt, who gave a skilful rendering of Chopin's Impromptu in A flat. She also favored with Albaniz's Tango in D. Mrs. Charles Tyler Bard then gave two charming songs, Spross Yesterday and Today and McFadden's Love is the Wind, for which Mrs. Ely accompanied. Two other piano selections by Miss Hunt and an Epitaph called The Girl With the Golden Hair, both by Debussy, were much enjoyed. So also were three dainty Japanese songs by Amy Woodford Finden which were beautifully given by Mrs. Bard. In response to persistent appeals for more music, Miss Hunt generously added to the programme by giving The Mountain by H. L. Brainerd and Mrs. Ely contributed a piano selection of her own The Sufferer in the Desert, which elicited much enthusiastic praise.

The social hour following, refreshments were served by the social committee, Mrs. William B. Birge, chairman, Mrs. Adam Reid, Miss Harriet R. Tinsley, Mrs. E. J. Fadden, Mrs. Oliver L. Johnson and Mrs. Henry T. Arnold assisted.

RECORD MAILS EXPECTED.

Postoffice Department Looks for Biggest Holiday Business in History.

First Assistant Postmaster General Daniel C. Roper has issued orders to postmasters to do everything possible even to stretching the rules a bit, to make the handling of 1915 Christmas mail the best in the history of the postal service. In an official circular he said:

"Patrons are vitally interested in having parcels delivered on or before Christmas day, and every effort should be made to accomplish this. Parcels may bear the words 'Not to be opened until Christmas' or a similar inscription. The timeliness of gifts depends on their being received on or before Christmas day, and every effort should be made to accomplish this. The parcels may be mailed as late as the afternoon of December 24, but they must be received by the postoffice on Christmas day. The parcels may be mailed as late as the afternoon of December 24, but they must be received by the postoffice on Christmas day. The parcels may be mailed as late as the afternoon of December 24, but they must be received by the postoffice on Christmas day."

Patrons are urged to secure blanks in advance to use in sending Christmas cards, and every effort should be made to accomplish this. The parcels may be mailed as late as the afternoon of December 24, but they must be received by the postoffice on Christmas day. The parcels may be mailed as late as the afternoon of December 24, but they must be received by the postoffice on Christmas day.

American quail are migrating across the border into Canada.

Safe Milk for Infants and Invalids

HORLICK'S THE ORIGINAL MALTED MILK

The Food-Drink for All Ages Rich milk, malted grain, in powder form. For infants, invalids and growing children. Pure nutrition, upbuilding the whole body. Invigorates nursing mothers and the aged. More healthful than tea or coffee.

Unless you say "HORLICK'S" you may get a substitute.

ZIONISTS WILL HEAR

TWO NOTABLE SPEAKERS.

Dr. S. Levin and Hon. Louis Lipsky Will Make Appeal for Palestine.

Under the auspices of the Norwich Zionists, two of the most notable of Jewish speakers are to be here on Sunday evening at the Colonial theatre. They will present the cause of the Jews in America and appeal to the Jews in America to come to the aid of their destitute brethren in the Holy Land.

Dr. Schmarya Levin and Hon. Louis Lipsky are to be the speakers. They make the appeal on the grounds that the Jews of Palestine can appeal only to American Jews, as they are cut off from the rest of the world. They are asking American Jews to be even more generous than they were last year, and not let the Jews in Palestine perish now after the Jews have been so generous to them during this period of violence and uncertainty now threatening them in a sacred duty.

The speakers argue that there is a particular duty to Jewish Palestine, to those Jews who by self-sacrifice and devotion have built up a Jewish settlement which is the pride of all Jews. When they first came to Palestine they fought hunger and sickness, and the burden of the desert land they were succeeding in creating values when the world conspired against them and demolished for the time being their material possessions and crippled their creative opportunities.

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MISSIONARIES THANK

PARK CHURCH LADIES

For Boxes Recently Sent to the West—Musical Programme at Meeting.

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H. O. DANIELS WILL

ADDRESS POMONA GRANGE

When New London, No. 6, Meets Here—Speak on Dairying.

For the next regular meeting of New London county Pomona grange, No. 6, Patrons of Husbandry, which is to be held here in Pythian hall next Thursday, H. O. Daniels, proprietor of the Millbrook farm, Middletown, has been secured as the principal speaker at the lecturers' hour in the afternoon. He will endeavor to outline a plan for conducting a dairy farm of a systematic business programme from her trip to California will be given by Miss Alice Bishop, the secretary with Miss E. J. Fadden, Mrs. Oliver L. Johnson and Mrs. Henry T. Arnold assisted.

ART EMBROIDERY NOVELTIES

There is a wealth of beautiful gift suggestions in our Art Embroidery Section. Finished articles and stamped designs are shown in a variety that covers the entire range of goods in this popular line.

WOMEN'S AND MISSES' Sweaters

Women's and Misses' Coat Sweaters at \$1.95, \$2.95, and up to \$3.00.

SPECIAL!—Extra good value

in Women's Pure Worsted Coat Sweaters, with pockets, at \$4.95

Unclaimed Letters.

The list of unclaimed letters in Norwich, Conn., postoffice, week ending December 11th, 1915, follows: Frank Anderson, Elsie Bass, Samuel Bodine, Anna Burke, Mabel Ferns, John Fritzel, L. Marks, Ed. D. Norris, Carl J. Johnson, Mrs. Francis Ray, Chales Sawyer, J. Scott, Maxie Steere, Loreta Sullivan.

Begin Your Holiday Shopping TODAY

The Porteous & Mitchell Co.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING HEADQUARTERS

THOSE who trade here year in and year out, and who have helped us to build the greatest retail store in Eastern Connecticut, know why they do so and will need no urging, on our part, to bring them here for the gifts they want to buy.

THIS store always has the goods the people want, in all grades that are worthy and none that are not. Our prices are always fair—in fact every purchase made here is price-safeguarded by our store policy of never being undersold.

OUR large and fairly priced Christmas stocks are now ready and in this announcement we offer suggestions from our complete Holiday Lines as well as Special Values in seasonable and staple merchandise.

BEGIN TO DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING TODAY

TOYS

Toys of all kinds and styles, including all the latest novelties in Mechanical Toys and the prices are very reasonable. Make it a point to visit our Toy Department in basement.

DOLLS

A great showing of Dolls, including Big Dolls, Little Dolls, Dressed Dolls, Undressed Dolls, all the best domestic and imported products in a big range of prices. Don't fail to visit our Doll Section in basement.

BOOKS

Hundreds of Books for gift purposes, including Books for Boys, for Girls, for Adults. A splendid showing of Christmas Cards, Calendars and Booklets. Be sure and visit the Book Department in Millinery Room.

Women's Suits Reduced

Women's Tailored Suits, made of good quality men's wear serge and poplin, sizes 36 and 38—these are regular \$15.00 Suits—Special price today \$9.98

OTHER SPECIAL VALUE IN SUITS

\$25.00 Tailored Suits, reduced to \$17.50
\$35.00 Tailored Suits, reduced to \$21.95

Women's and Misses' Winter Coats, an excellent assortment, including belted models, in seal plush, two-toned corduroy, broadcloth and wool plush, at \$20.00, \$22.50 and \$25.00.

Smart models for young women, including belted models, trimmed with fur, materials are zibeline, pebble chevrons and mixtures, at \$12.50.

We offer for today some very stylish models in Boucle Coats, warm and serviceable—Special value at \$5.98

WOMEN'S MIXTURE COATS REDUCED

\$12.50 Mixture Coats, reduced to \$9.98
\$16.50 Mixture Coats, reduced to \$12.50
\$20.00 Mixture Coats, reduced to \$15.00

In our Children's and Infants' Department on second floor we offer an excellent variety of articles suitable for Christmas gifts—Knitted Goods of all kinds, Bath Robes, Children's Furs and many novelties. Vanta Baby Garments make very practical gifts.

Children's Handkerchiefs

Children's White and Colored Handkerchiefs, three in a fancy box, at 15c a box.

Hundreds of fancy boxes of Children's Handkerchiefs, including many novelty designs, at 25c a box.

THESE ARE SPECIAL VALUES

At 29c—Women's Initial Handkerchiefs, 12½c a package, at 29c a package.

At 39c—Women's Initial Handkerchiefs, 6 in a neat box, at 39c a box.

At 25c—Women's Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box, at 25c a box.

At 12½c—500 dozen Women's Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 12½c each, value 15c.

At 19c—Women's Fine Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, at 19c each, 3 for 50c.

At 10c—Men's Japonette Initial Handkerchiefs, with silk initials, at 10c each, 3 for 25c.

At 12½c—Men's LINEN Initial Handkerchiefs at 12½c each, or 75c a box of six.

At 25c—Men's LINEN Initial Handkerchiefs, at 25c each, or \$1.50 a box of six.

SPECIAL!—Men's Fine Cambric Initial Handkerchiefs, 50c a box of six.

Dresden Ribbons

THREE SPECIAL VALUES FOR HOLIDAY USES

Dresden Ribbons, new and attractive designs and colorings, 4 inches wide regular 15c value—Special price a yard 15c

Dresden Ribbons in a wide range of new effects, full 5¼ inches wide and regular 25c value—Special price a yard 19c

Dresden Ribbons in handsome effects, splendid assortment, and regular 30c value—Special price a yard 25c

Jewelry FOR GIFT PURPOSES

We are showing a complete line of Jewelry for gift purposes—hundreds of articles of personal adornment for men, women and children, all at popular prices. Jewelry Department is now located in Dress Goods Room.

A Sale of GOLD RINGS

These are all set with reproductions of Diamonds, Turquoise, Emeralds, Rubies, Opals, Pearls, Etc.—regular values \$1.00 to \$1.50—Special price each 39c

(Jewelry Dept., Dress Goods Room)

Beautiful Silk Stockings For Gift Purposes

We show Women's Silk Hosiery from 50c to \$3.00 a pair—including all the best known makes, such as McCallum, Kayser, Onyx and Phoenix Guaranteed Hosiery.

We feature particularly the "Phoenix" Silk Hosiery for women, guaranteed to give satisfactory wear. We offer two special Holiday packages in "Phoenix" Silk Hosiery:

Women's Silk Hosiery in black, Women's Black or White Silk Hosiery, two pairs in a neat Holiday box, at \$1.00 a pair or \$2.00 a box.

At 75c a pair or \$1.50 a box.

All purchases of Hosiery, amounting to \$1.00 or over in a neat Holiday box if desired.

Women's Kid Gloves For Holiday Gifts

Women's Kid Gloves are in the front rank as Holiday gifts. Our unrivalled stock offers not only the greatest variety of styles and qualities, but it offers unequalled values. We have every wanted kind of Gloves and Mittens for women and children. We invite consideration.

A Holiday Invitation to Men

Men should visit this store for Holiday gifts for women. We're specialists in all those things that pertain to women's adornment for personal wear or for household use. If you are intending a gift for a woman, come then by all means to this store, where amongst our great assortment you can find just the things that women most prize.

Special Millinery Values

All our Women's Fine Dress Hats, Pattern Hats and Gage Tailored Hats, former prices up to \$10.00, reduced now to \$5.95

SEE OUR SPECIAL VALUE DRESS HATS

\$1.98 Hats that usually sell at \$3.00

\$2.98 Hats that usually sell at \$3.98

\$3.98 Hats that usually sell at \$5.00

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